

**CHAPTER NO. 937**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3066**

**By Ramsey, Crowe**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3373**

**By Vaughn**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c), is amended by deleting the word "and" and the end of subdivision (1)(F); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (1)(G) and by substituting instead a semicolon and the word "and;" and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(1)(H) Trauma physicians.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated item to subdivision (4):

(D) Trauma physicians – regular fee applicable to the vehicle and as provided for in § 55-4-222(g).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-222, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of Tennessee and who is a trauma physician licensed by the board of medical examiners, who submits a statement or certification from the board of medical examiners and from a trauma center in a hospital or other medical facility confirming that the applicant practices medicine as a trauma physician, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and a fee equal to the cost of producing such plate, provided that the issuance of such plates shall be revenue neutral, shall be issued an emergency registration plate and shall be eligible to renew such emergency registration plate.


SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-280, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 55-4-201(h)(3)(B) or any other law to the contrary, under no circumstances shall the specialty earmarked license plate authorized by the provisions of this section be deemed obsolete or invalid prior to July 1, 2005. If, prior to such date, the minimum order requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(3)(B) are initially met, then such plate shall be administratively issued.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 20, 2004**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this                      day of                      2004**

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**PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 3066 in his possession longer than ten (10) days; therefore, the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.